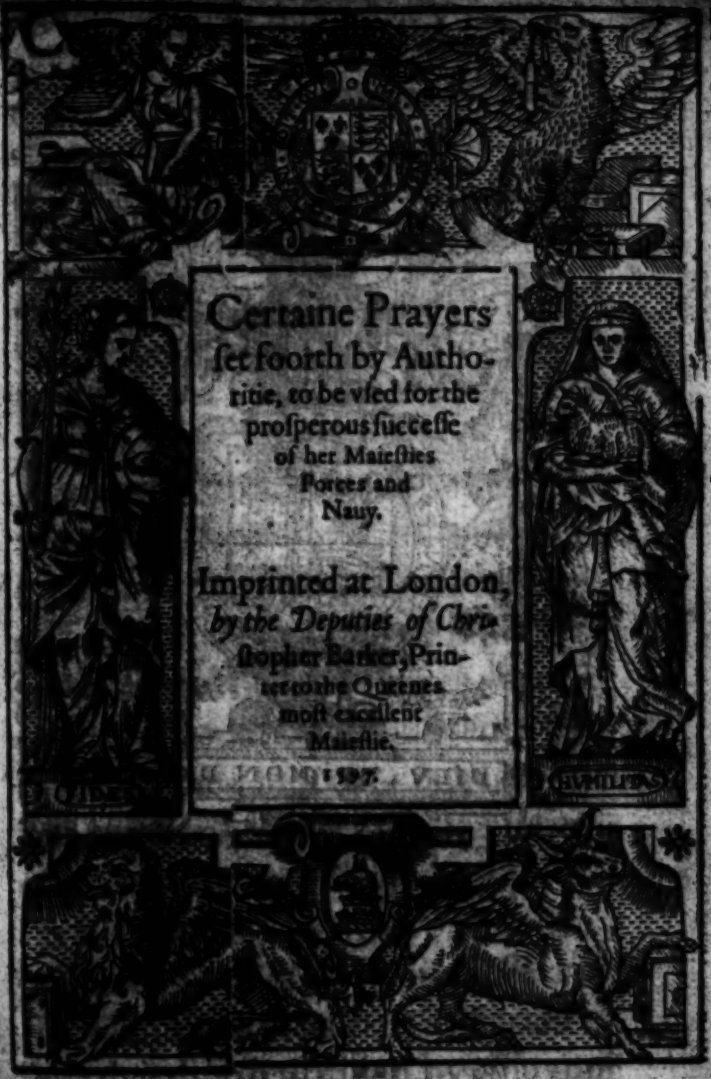

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GOD all-maker, keeper, and guider: Inurement of thy rare-seene, vnused, & seeld-heard-of goodnesse, powred in so plentiful sort vpon vs full oft, breeds now this boldnes, to craue with bowed knees, and hearts of humilitie, thy large hand of helping power, to assist with wonder our iust cause, not founded on Prides-motion, nor begun on Malice-stock, But as thou best knowest, to whom nought is hid, grounded on iust defence from wrongs, hate, and bloody desire of conquest. For since, meanes thou hast imparted to saue that thou hast giuen, by enioying

such a people, as scornes their blood-shed, where suretie ours is one: Fortifie (deare GOD) such hearts in such sort, as their best part may be worst, that to the truest part meant worst, with least losse to such a Nation, as despise their liues for their Countreys good. That all Forreine lands may laud & admire the Omnipotencie of thy worke: a fact alone for thee only to performe. So shall thy Name be spread for wonders wrought, and the faithfull encouraged, to repose in thy vnfellowed Grace: And we that minded nought but right, inchained in thy bonds for perpetuall slauerie, and liue & die the sacrificers of our soules for such obteined fauour. Warrant, deare Lord, all this with thy command.

AMEN.

Ost mighty God and mercifull Father, as hitherto of thyne infinite goodnes thou hast very miraculously protected thy humble Seruant our Soueraigne Lady & Queene, and all vs her subiects the people of her Dominions, frō many dangerous conspiracies, malicious attempts, and wicked deſignements of her and our very obſtinate & implacable enemies: Forasmuch as they ſtil continew ing their malice, & preparing their Forces to aſſaile vs both by Land & Sea, thou (O Lord) to withſtand their furie, haſt ſtirred vp the heart of thine Anoynted our Soueraigne, to ſend out ſome of her Forces for our defence: We thine vnworthy ſeruants doe moſt humbly beſeech thee, through the merites of our Sauiour Chriſt, ſo to conduct them, encourage them,

them, and defend them with thy strong and mightie arme, as that whatsoeuer they shall attempt and take in hand for defence of this Realme against her enemies, may prosper and haue most happy successe. Direct & leade them (O Lord) in safetie, strengthen their Gouernours and Leaders with sound counsell and valiant resolution. Blesse their conflicts with notable victories both by Sea and Land: preserue them from all contagion and mortalitie either by sworde or sicknesse, and giue vnto them (O Lord) if it be thy blessed will, such an honourable and happy returne, as may tend to our defence by confusion of our enemies, to the renowme & comfort of our Soueraigne, to the benefite of thy Church, to the good of this Kingdome, and to the prayse and glory of thy most mighty Name, through Jesu Christ our Lord: To whom with thee and the holy Ghost be ascribed all honour, power, and dominion, both now and for euer. Amen.

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Most mightie GOD, and Lorde of hostes, which reignest ouer all the Kingdomes of the world, who hast power in thine hand to saue thy chosen, & to iudge thine Enemies, and in all ages hast giuen great and glorious Victories vnto thy Church, with small handfuls ouerthrowing great multitudes and terrible Armies: Let thine eares be now attent vnto our prayers, and thy mercifull eye vpon this Realme & kingdome. And as of thine vnspeakeable goodnes thou hast blessed vs with infinite and extraordinary blessings, all the yeres of her Maiesties most happy reigne ouer vs, and of late hast also myraculously deliuered vs from sundry the bloody practises of our very implacable enemies: So now, we humbly beseech thee (O merciful Father) to ayde vs with thy mighty Arme in this our present iust cause, waging warre not in pride or ambition of mind, or any other worldly respect, but onely for the necessary defence

of Religion, our liues, and Countrey. Be mercifull therefore, O Lord, to our present Foes, and passing ouer both their transgressions and ours, prosper them both by Sea and land. Giue our Leaders & companies, the strength of Unicornes, the hearts of Lyons, armes of steele, hands of iron, and feete of flint, to beate and tread downe all thine enemies and ours. Let thine helpe from aboue at this time strengthen our Nauy and Armie, thy mercie ouershadowe them, thy power as a wall of fire enuyron them, thy wisedome direct them, thy prouidence secure them, thine holy Angels garde them, thy Sonne our Lorde Jesus Christ stand vp for them, and thy Iustice confound, and Maiestie ouerwhelme all aduerlarie power exalting it selfe against this land and thy Gospel. That all the World may know, that it is thy fauour that prospereth, thy blessing that preserueth, and thine arme that ouercommeth in the day of battell. So we that be thy people and sheepe of thy folde, shall sing vnto thy glorie the songs of prayse and thanksgiuing, and

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magnifie thy goodnesse in the midst of thine holy Temple for euer, through Jesus Christ our Lord, our onely Sauiour and Mediatour. Amen.

O Almightie Lorde God of Hostes, it is thine owne gracious promise, that when thy people shall go out to battell against their enemies, by the way ẏ thou shalt send them, & shall call vpon thee for thy holy helpe, that then thou (Lord) wilt heare their prayers in heauen, and iudge their cause: In assured trust of this thy good promise, we present this our supplication before thee. O Lorde iudge thou our cause, iudge thou betweene vs and our cruell enemies. Thou seest Lorde, that they first inuaded vs, and so doe still continue, and not wee them: that they first conspired to root vs out, that we might be no more a people of English birth, and

that then though thou from heauen diddest shew thy selfe, in scattering their proud forces, to be displeased with their attempt, yet notwithstanding by mightie preparations at this present they seeke our ruine still. That which armeth vs, is neither desire of enlarging our owne borders, nor thirst of blood, nor rauine of spoyle, but onely our owne iust defence, onely to breake the power of our enemies, and to turne away the battell from our owne gates: For that if we sit still, and suffer them to gather strength, they will suddenly make a breach vpon vs, and destroy the mother with the children. This they seeke, O Lord, & as thou seest, that the heart of thine Anointed in all her actions is vpright before thee, so mainteine thou our right, & be enemie to our enemies. Great is their malice (as thou Lord seest) and great is ẏ mischiefe they intend against vs. Let not the wicked haue their desire: O Lord, let not their mischieuous imaginations prosper, least they be too proude. And albeit our many and grieuous iniquities may testifie against vs,

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and iustly deserue that thou shouldest make the enemies sword the auenger of thy couenant which wee haue broken; Yet deale thou with vs according to thy mercy, O Lord. We haue sinned, Lord, doe thou vnto vs what seemeth good in thine eyes: onely at this time wee pray thee to succour vs, and not make vs a scorne and derision to our oppressers. The rather O Lord, for that wee put not our trust in any strength of our owne, but our eyes looke onely to thee. We know, Lord, the battell is thine, and that with thee it is nothing to saue with many, or with few: For that except thou command the winds, we can not stirre, and except thou blesse with counsell and courage, wee shall not preuaile, and all these are in thine handes to giue or to withholde. Helpe vs, O Lord God, for we rest on thee, and in thy Name go we foorth against these mightie preparations. O Lorde thou art our God, let not man preuaile against thee: let thine arme rise vp, and put on strength to preserue vs nowe as of olde, euen the same arme that was mightie for vs and a-

painish them in their former pride and furie.

Wherefore from thy holy Sanctuarie, O Lorde, open thine eyes and behold, incline thine eare and heare the prayer of thy seruants. Goe forth, O Lord, with our hostes by Sea and by land. Send forth the windes out of thy treasures to bring them to the place appointed. Take all contagious sickneſſe from the middeſt of them, O Lord the ſtrength of our ſaluation. Couer their heads in the day of battell. Send thy feare before thy ſeruants, & make their enemies to flee and fal before them. Let thy faith (Lord) make them valiant in battell, and put to flight the Armies of Aliens. And by this ſhall we know, O Lorde, that thou fauoureſt vs, in that our enemie doeth not triumph ouer vs, and ſhall alwayes confeſſe to the prayſe of thy Name, that it was thy hand, and that it was thou, Lord, the ſhield of our helpe, and ſword of our glory, that haſt done theſe great things for vs, and euermore ſay, Prayſed be the Lorde, that hath pleaſure in the proſperitie of his

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seruants. Heare vs, O Lord for the glorie of thy Name, for thy louing Mercie, and for thy truethes sake, euen for the merites and intercession of our Lord Iesus Christ. Amen.

ETernall God in power most mighty, in strength most glorious, without whom the Horse & Chariot is in vaine prepared against ỳ day of battell: vouchsafe (wee beseeche thee) from thy high throne of Maiestie, to heare and receiue the heartie & humble prayers, which on bended knees, we ỳ people of thy pasture and sheepe of thy hands, doe in an vnfayned acknowledgement of thy might and our owne weakenesse, powre out before thee on the behalfe of our gratious Soueraigne, and on the behalfe of her Armies, her Nobles, her Valiants, and men of warre: Who by thee inspired haue put their liues in their hands, and at this time doe oppose themselues, against the malice and violence of such, as beare a mortall hate at thy Sion, and doe dayly conspire and rise vp against it,

euen against the Church, thine Annoynted, and the people of this her Land. Arise then (O Lord) and stand vp we pray thee, to helpe and defend them: be thou their Captaine to goe in and out before them, and to leade them in this iourney: teache their fingers to fight, and their hands to make battaile. The Generall and Chieftaines vielde with the spirite of wisedome, counsell, and direction: the Souldiers with mindes ready to performe and execute. Gird them all with strength, and powre out vpon them the spirite of courage: giue them in the day of battell, hearts like the hearts of Lions, inuincible and feareless against euill, but terrible to such as come out against them. Where the enemie doeth rage, and danger approche, be thou (O Lord) a rocke of saluation, and a tower of defence vnto them. Breake the enemies weapons: As smoke vanisheth, so let their enemies be scattered, and such as hate them, flie before them. Thou seest (O Lord) the malice of our aduersaries, haue for thy Name which is called on ouer vs, and for the trueth of thy

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Gospell wherein we reioyce, they beare a tyrannous hate against vs, continually vexing and troubling vs, that fayne would liue in peace. Stirre vp therefore (O Lord) thy strength, and auenge our iust quarrell: turne the sword of our enemie vpon his owne head, and cause his delight in warre to become his owne destruction: As thou hast dealt with him heretofore, so now scatter his Forces, and spoile his mighty Ships, in which he trusteth. So shall we the people of thine inheritance, giue praise vnto thy Name, and for thy great mercy giue thankes vnto thee in the great Congregation: yea, the world shall know, and the Nations shall vnderstand to the praise of thy glory, that thou alone defendest them that trust in thee, and giuest victorie vnto Princes. Heare vs (O Lord our strength) in these our prayers for Jesus Christ his sake, Amen.

ALmighty God, which onely doest great wonders, shewe forth (we pray thee) at this time the power of thy might,

and the glorie of thy strength, by preseruing our Armies at Sea & Land, from death and sicknesse, and all perils on the Sea, and by helping them in the day of battell, against the rage and violence of the Aduersarie. Thou seest (O Lord) that not for any Worldly respects, but for the defence of this Realme, and the peace of thy Church in it, this iourney is vndertaken, to abate & withstand the pride, and to daunt the insolencies of our enemies, who conspire and bandie themselues against vs, breathing out wrath and bitter subuersion. Arise therefore wee pray thee (O Lord of Hostes) vnto our helpe, & let our enemies feele that thou still defendest our iust cause, and in ỳ day of battell doest fight for vs. Not in our owne sword, nor in the arme of our owne flesh, doe we put our trust, but our trust is in the multitude of thy mercies, & in the strength of thy mightie Arme, who art God alone. Blesse therefore the Chieftaines & Leaders of our bands, with ỳ spirit of Wisedome, counsell, and magnanimitie, and the Souldiers with courage and fortitude, to stand vndaunted,

vndaunted, & without feare in the day of battell. But as for their enemies, and such as come out against them, cast a feare & astonishment vpon them, that they may fal, and couer their faces with shame & confusion. That all the worlde may know, that thou (O God) resistest the proude and wicked men, and that thou auengest the cause of such, as put their trust in thee. Heare vs, O God of hostes, euen for Christ his sake our only Sauiour and Redeemer. Amen.

God most glorious, ỹ shield of al that trust in thee, who alone doest sende Peace to thy people, and causest warre to cease in all the world, Consider the dayly troubles of thy seruants, & behold the malice of our Aduersaries, who for thy Names sake, which is called on ouer vs, and for the trueth of thy Gospel wherin we reioyce, doe conspire & band them selues against vs, breathing out wrath and vtter subuersion. Many a time hath their wrath bene kindled, so that they would haue

ſwallowed vs vp quicke: but by thy power their purpoſe hath bene fruſtrated, their counſels preuented, their preparations ouerthrowen, and we deliuered. Yet, O Lorde, their heart is ſet againſt vs, ſtill to vexe & trouble vs that faine would liue in peace. But for the quiet of thy Church, and that thine enemies may knowe thee to be a God of mercy, cauſe them to returne at laſt, and not any longer to hate thoſe whome thou haſt loued: Make them to ſee that their plotts & deſignements are againſt thee, who for vs fighteſt againſt them, drowning their ſhips, & caſting downe their ſtrong holdes in which they doe truſt: that thy Name may be glorified in the day of their conuerſion. But if they ſhall ſtill harden their hearts, and will not vnderſtand either our defence, or their owne calamitie to come of thee: Make voyde their deuiſes, diſcloſe their counſels, diſcouer their ſecret conplots, that in the ſnare which they haue layd for vs, their owne feete may be taken. Finally, O Lord, whenſoeuer they prepare them ſelues to battaile, take the

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defence of our iust cause into thine hand: Breake their Nauies, disperse their Armies, and cast vpon them a feare and astonishment, that they may tremble at thy presence, and flye before they be pursued: Graunt this O Lord our strength euen for Christ his sake. Amen.

Eternall God, Lord of the whole worlde, and guide of Sea and Land, Who by thy mightie power foretest to what effect thou wilt, the Councels and actions of all men: graciously vouchsafe to blesse & order vnto happy issue, the late begunne worke of our gratious Soueraigne, in the hand of her Nobles and men of warre, nowe sent out by Seas, to withstande the Enemies of her life, her people, and thy Church. As Guide and Generall of the iourney, let it please thee (mightie Lorde of hostes) to goe in and out before them, with best fore-windes and streightest course to speede and prosper them in the way. And whē thou hast brought them to the appointed place, in a pillar of fire

giue light to direct their steps, and in a pillar of a Cloude defend them. Put vpon them thy spirit of Counsell and fortitude, & vnder the banner of thy power and protection, let the worke be effected. Courage and imbolden them in the day of conflict, to stand vndaunted & without feare. Make way and opportunitie for them to attempt with aduantage, and for thy Names sake graunt (O glorious God) to their puissant attempts happy successe in battell, to their battell a ioyfull victorie, and to their victorie a safe and triumphant returne. So will we ỹ people of thine inheritance, which nowe pray for the blessing of thy grace vpon them, praise thy Name for euer, & together with them ascribe both cause and glory of the worke, not to our owne strēgth, but vnto thy power, who alone giuest victory in the day of battell: and for thy great mercies will giue thankes vnto thee in the midst of the Congregation. Heare vs, O Father, euē for Christ his sake. Amen.

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